



# EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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### Situation Report

### Winter Storm

February 7, 2007, 11am

### UPDATED INFORMATION IS IN BOLD

#### SUMMARY

A series of severe winter storms swept across Missouri on January 12-14, causing heavy damage throughout the state. An area from Joplin to St. Louis along the I-44 corridor was the heaviest hit. More winter weather came through much of the state on January 20, bringing 4-6" inches of snow in some areas and additional minor ice accumulations.

On January 15, the President authorized Public Assistance (PA) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to local governments and qualifying non-profit agencies for debris removal and certain emergency protective measures (Categories A & B). The following counties were included in the disaster declaration: Barry, Barton, Callaway, Camden, Christian, Cole, Crawford, Dade, Dallas, Dent, Franklin, Gasconade, Greene, Hickory, Jasper, Laclede, Lawrence, Lincoln, Maries, McDonald, Miller, Montgomery, Newton, Osage, Phelps, Polk, Pulaski, St Charles, St Clair, St Louis, Stone, Warren, Webster, Wright, and the City of St Louis. On January 22, SEMA and FEMA began joint Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDAs) in affected areas.

State officials have set up the Missouri Information and Referral Hotline to coordinate and distribute donations, volunteers and to provide information on local relief efforts. **The number is 888-377-2100**, and will be staffed from 9am-630pm on Mon-Fri, and 9am-3pm on Saturday (Hotline will be closed on Sunday).

#### Fatalities

Location	Fatalities	Notes
Dade County	1	Traffic-related
Dallas County	2	2 possible CO deaths
Harrison County	1	Traffic-related
Henry County	1	Barn Collapsed at Blairstown – One killed
Lawrence County	3	CO-related
Jasper County	1	CO related
Jackson County	3	3 traffic-related
Johnson County	1	Traffic-related
Newton County	1	CO related
St Francois County	1	Traffic-related
STATE TOTAL	15	7 traffic-related; 7 CO-related, 1 Building collapsed

**Please Note:** A Volunteer who was helping in the clean-up effort for this event was killed in a vehicle accident on his way home to Osceola, Arkansas, near Raven Den, Arkansas. This volunteer was a part of the Southern Baptist Disaster Relief Team who had been working in a chainsaw team in the Sarcoxie, Missouri area.

#### Power restoration

Power has been restored wherever possible. Officials remind people these restoration reports mean electricity is available to the meter. The reports do NOT take in account homeowners/business-owners still without electricity because of damaged to their home, or damaged weatherheads, etc.

**Preliminary Damage Assessment Information**

Last week, joint teams from the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) conducted Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDAs) in jurisdictions across the affected area for Public Assistance. The Public Assistance program assists local governments with costs associated with debris removal, emergency protective measures, and restoration of publicly owned roads, buildings, and utility infrastructure, not otherwise covered by insurance. ALL FIGURES LISTED IN THIS REPORT ARE PRELIMINARY, and represent un-insured losses.

Total eligible costs for Public Assistance is currently estimated at \$109.3 million dollars.

Individual Assistance (IA) has NOT been approved as of this date. Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDAs) for individual assistance commenced on 30 January 2007. Due to the storm of January 31/February 1, the PDAs were suspended until the roads have been cleared. PDA's have resumed and will continue as weather permits.

**Governor Blunt has requested that Henry County be added to the Declaration for this storm. The request was for Individual Assistance as well as Public Assistance. Joint PDA teams will inspect for both later this week.**

**Weather Outlook: A arctic cold front crossed over Missouri last evening and plunged temperatures below freezing and temperatures will remain below freezing throughout the rest of the week. Next significant storm may arrive Sunday night/early Monday morning (February 11-12, 2007).**

**Point of Contact:**

Calls to the SEOC can be made at 573-526-9100. This number will be staffed from 730am-430pm daily, Mon-Fri. After-hours calls should be made to the SEMA Duty Officer at (573) 751-2748.

Persons affected by the storm who need information on relief efforts in their area can call the Missouri Information and Referral Hotline at **888-377-2100**. This number will be staffed from 9am-630pm Mon-Fri, and 9am-3pm on Saturday (Hotline will be closed on Sunday).

This Situation Report and other storm-related information may be viewed at the following web address:

<http://sema.dps.mo.gov/>